

*AUTOMATED SYSTEM FOR PAYMENT COMMITMENT FOR CONTENT PRIOR  
TO CREATION*

ABSTRACT

5 A method is described for determining interest in a work product capable of being  
distributed over the Internet. A work product sample is presented during a time  
period at a website. Votes are received from nodes connected to the network. The  
creation of a work product is initiated based on the result of the vote. A payment  
commitment is received from the node prior to initiating creation. Alternatively,  
10 payment for access from the node is received and access provided to the work  
product. The work product is delivered when creation is completed.